

Date Transcribed April 3, 1992

JERRY S. ZEIMER was interviewed at his residence in (b) (6) following descriptive information was obtained:

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Home Address:

Home Telephone:

Date of Birth:

SSAN:

Employer:

Charles Blossenski

Mr. Grabill identified himself to Mr. ZEIMER by displaying his credentials and advised Mr. ZEIMER that the interview concerned his knowledge of the Welsh Road Site (the Site). Mr. ZEIMER was also advised that the investigation had been authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Philadelphia, PA. Mr. ZEIMER agreed to be interviewed and stated that he was willing to review this statement and, after reviewing it for accuracy, sign the statement. He then provided the following information:

Mr. ZEIMER stated that he started working for ERNEST BARKMAN, SR. about fourteen years ago, probably in 1978. He worked as a picker off and on for four years, mostly on night routes in New Holland, Terre Hill, and Honey Brook, PA. These routes involved residential trash which was taken to the Lanchester Landfill. To his knowledge, none of the residential trash was taken to the Site for burial there. Burial may have occurred before Mr. ZEIMER worked there when BARKMAN operated the Site as a landfill.

From 1981 to 1983, Mr. ZEIMER worked as a picker and drove a rear-end loader on residential routes including Hopewell, Sadsburyville, and an unrecalled town near West Chester, all in Pennsylvania. All of this trash was hauled to the Lanchester Landfill.

In the early 1980s, prior to the SCA takeover, BARKMAN had an illegal transfer operation at the Site. This was located "a couple of hundred yards behind the shop". Mr. ZEIMER marked the Site drawing indicating the location. The drawing is attached as Exhibit A. The operation involved trash trucks, mostly from residential routes, hauling to the Site where the trash was dumped into an open-top tractor trailer. To Mr. ZEIMER's knowledge, there were no liquids or oils in the trash. Sometimes the trash was dumped onto the ground until the next day when it was loaded into the trailer. It was then hauled to landfills, most of it to Lanchester. On occasion, commercial loads were brought in by BARKMAN's roll-offs, and these loads were burned on the Site. One such load which Mr. ZEIMER recalled was from Greco Metals. It consisted of general trash. Mr. ZEIMER stated that the transfer operation went on for about two years until the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources shut it down.

Mr. ZEIMER stated that during his employment at the Site, ERNEST BARKMAN

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SR. ran the operation; and GRACE BARKMAN sometimes worked in the office. BILLY DEIHM was there, but not very often. ERNEST BARKMAN, JR. was not there when Mr. ZEIMER first started working. ERNEST BARKMAN, JR. later drove for Main Line Disposal in the 1980s. Mr. ZEIMER stated that ERNEST BARKMAN, SR. got around the contract restriction not to compete with SCA for five years by putting Main Line Disposal in ERNIE, JR's name.

The mechanics at the Site during the period of Mr. ZEIMER's employment were as follows:

BOB LAUER, SR.: May not have been a mechanic full time, but operated a bulldozer and sometimes drove a tractor trailer.

GEORGE WOLFE: Was not on the property very much because he operated his own business and took the equipment to his own site for repair.

PECK: This is the elder PECK who worked at the Site as a mechanic.

"GRUBBY": Worked at the Site, mostly changing tires.

ED KACHY (phonetic spelling): Worked at the Site as a mechanic. Mr. ZEIMER stated that this could be the same person as ED KADYTE. ED currently works for RALPH AMATO at B & J Disposal in New Holland, PA.

Mr. ZEIMER stated that most of the time, the only mechanics or equipment operators he would see at the Site were ERNEST BARKMAN, SR., BOB LAUER, SR., and JIMMY GOOD. GOOD drove without a driver's license. He drove anything, crushed cars, and operated a bulldozer on Site. Mr. ZEIMER stated that he never saw the equipment operators bury anything at the Site; but he, Mr. ZEIMER, was not on Site much of the time.

Mr. ZEIMER stated that various roll-off drivers drove various routes and that there were a lot of routes in the Lancaster, PA area. He did not recall the specific routes driven by a given driver; but, to the best of his memory, roll-off drivers were as follows:

BUD THOMPSON: Has worked there for fifteen years and drove some of the Lancaster commercial stops.

ARTHUR SNIPES: Was there when Mr. ZEIMER started working in the late 1970s.

GEORGE COTTON: Was driving roll-offs when Mr. ZEIMER started working at the Site.

BARRY TOWNSEND: Drove roll-offs, period not recalled.

PAUL TOWNSEND: Drove roll-offs, period not recalled.

EUGENE HARDY, JR.: Drove roll-offs and now works for Safety Clean in West Chester, PA. (b) (6)

RANDY THOMPSON: Mr. ZEIMER believed that RANDY THOMPSON was there in the

late 1970s as a roll-off driver. However, Mr. ZEIMER stated that there are a lot of THOMPSONs who have worked for the trash disposal business in the area, and he was not sure when RANDY worked at the Site.

JOE HOFFMAN: There in the late 1970s and drove roll-offs.

Other employees Mr. ZEIMER recalled are BOB IRONS, SR. (phonetic) and BOB IRONS, JR., both of whom drove tractor trailers. They may have worked for Main Line Disposal.

RICK LEACH drove a tractor trailer in 1981. His location is unknown because (b) (6). JOHN "CURLY" MARTIN was an employee who did anything he was told to do by ERNEST BARKMAN, SR. He might be located at the (b) (6).

Mr. ZEIMER stated that he has no knowledge of liquids being hauled to the Site and never saw any dumpsters or containers which were modified to haul liquids. There have been rumors, but he was not aware of any specific information nor of any specific person to indicate that liquids were brought to the Site and buried there. Mr. ZEIMER felt that the persons most likely to have knowledge of possible liquids are ARTHUR SNIPES, BUD THOMPSON, and "CURLY" MARTIN.

The following company names associated with the Welsh Road Site were discussed with Mr. ZEIMER, and his comments are set forth below for those names which were familiar. Those names with no comments were not familiar to him. He was also asked whether any auto body shops were associated with the site. For each name for which he had information of value to offer, he was questioned about the type of waste, quantity of waste, frequency of pick-up, destination of the waste if other than the Welsh Road Site, and the identity of the driver who picked up the waste. All the information of value known to him is set forth below:

1. Alcoa, Lancaster, PA: Was a customer. To the best of Mr. ZEIMER's memory, the drivers were ARTHUR SNIPES, BUD THOMPSON, BARRY TOWNSEND, GEORGE COTTON, and possibly MIKE JACKSON and BOB LAUER, JR. He was not sure about JACKSON and LAUER.

2. Allen Sherman-Hoff: Trash consisted of wastes from trailer manufacturing. RANDY THOMPSON may have driven this stop.

3. American Cyanamid:

4. Arco Chemical Company:

5. Armstrong Floors, Park City Mall, Lancaster, PA: ARTHUR SNIPES may have driven to this customer.

6. Bristolpipe, Inc., Leola, PA: Trash consisted of plastic scrap and went to the Lancaster Area Refuse Authority. Drivers may have been ARTHUR SNIPES and GEORGE COTTON.

7. Budd Company:

8. Burnham Boiler (now Burnham Corp.), Lancaster, PA:
9. C & D Power Systems, Leola, PA: This customer was a producer of batteries, nature of the trash not recalled. Mr. ZEIMER stated that it is his recollection that any roll-off driver could have picked up there.
10. Chateau Recreational Vehicle, Christiana, DE:
11. Clark, J.L. Manufacturing, Centerville Rd., Lancaster, PA:
12. Continental Can, Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA:
13. Dart Container Company, Leola, PA: Waste consisted of scrap styrofoam. Mr. ZEIMER did not recall any hydraulic oil being hauled from Dart to the Site.
14. Donnelly, R.R., Lancaster, PA (former Schick plant):
15. Farrell Industries, Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA:
16. General Cigar, Lancaster, PA: Mr. ZEIMER thought that this company was located in Lititz, PA and that the cigar dust was hauled to the Cresswell Landfill by JIMMY GOOD.
17. Georgia Pacific, Lancaster, PA:
18. Heil Equipment Company, Lancaster, PA:
19. Howmet Corporation: Was a customer.
20. Interstate Container, Reading, PA:
21. K D Tools, Hempland Road, Lancaster, PA:
22. Kalas Mfg., Inc., Denver, PA:
23. L G Industries, Inc., Coatesville, PA:
24. Liberty Homes, Inc., Leola, PA: Trash consisted of wood scraps and insulation from mobile home manufacturing. Any driver could have picked up at this stop. The trash probably went to the Lancaster Area Refuse Authority.
25. Neoplan, Route 322, Honey Brook, PA:
26. Penguin Industries, Coatesville, PA: This company was a customer who made gun cleaning supplies. Mr. ZEIMER did not know the nature of the trash. Possibly GEORGE COTTON drove this stop.
27. RCA (now Burle Industries), Lancaster, PA:
28. Redman's Mobile Homes, Honey Brook, PA:
29. Santmere Industries:
30. Schick Co., Lancaster, PA:



31. Science Press. Ephrata, PA:
32. Sherex Chemical Company:
33. Shirlee Manufacturing Co., New Holland, PA: General trash and fabrics from clothing manufacturing.
34. Skyline Homes, Inc., Ephrata, PA:
35. Sonoco Products, Downingtown, PA: Trash consisted of ground-up paper with wire in it and went to the Lanchester Landfill. Any of the drivers may have picked up from Sonoco.
36. Sperry-New Holland, New Holland, PA: Was a very big customer with eight dumpsters there at one time. The trash included a lot of skids. On many occasions, there were forty-five to seventy-five metal 55-gallon drums to be picked up. The drums were filled with metal shavings, packaging material, wood, and paper and were taken to the Lanchester Landfill. Any of the roll-off drivers or rear-end loader drivers could have hauled from Sperry.
37. Sun Oil Company (Sunoco):
38. Trojan Boat Company, Lancaster, PA:
39. Weaver's Chicken, New Holland, PA:
40. Woodstream Corporation, Lititz, PA:

Mr. ZEIMER stated that occasionally, there were some drums observed at the Site; but there were not many, and he did not recall any labels which would indicate that they contained liquids, paints, or oils. He never saw any drums buried at the Site.

Mr. ZEIMER had no further information of value to offer, and the interview was terminated.

**STATEMENT OF JERRY S. ZEIMER:**

I, Jerry S. Zeimer, have read the above statement; and it is true and accurate to the best of my recollection. I have voluntarily signed this page and have initialed each of the above pages to attest to the accuracy of this statement. No promises or threats have been made to me, and no coercion of any kind has been used to make me sign this statement.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

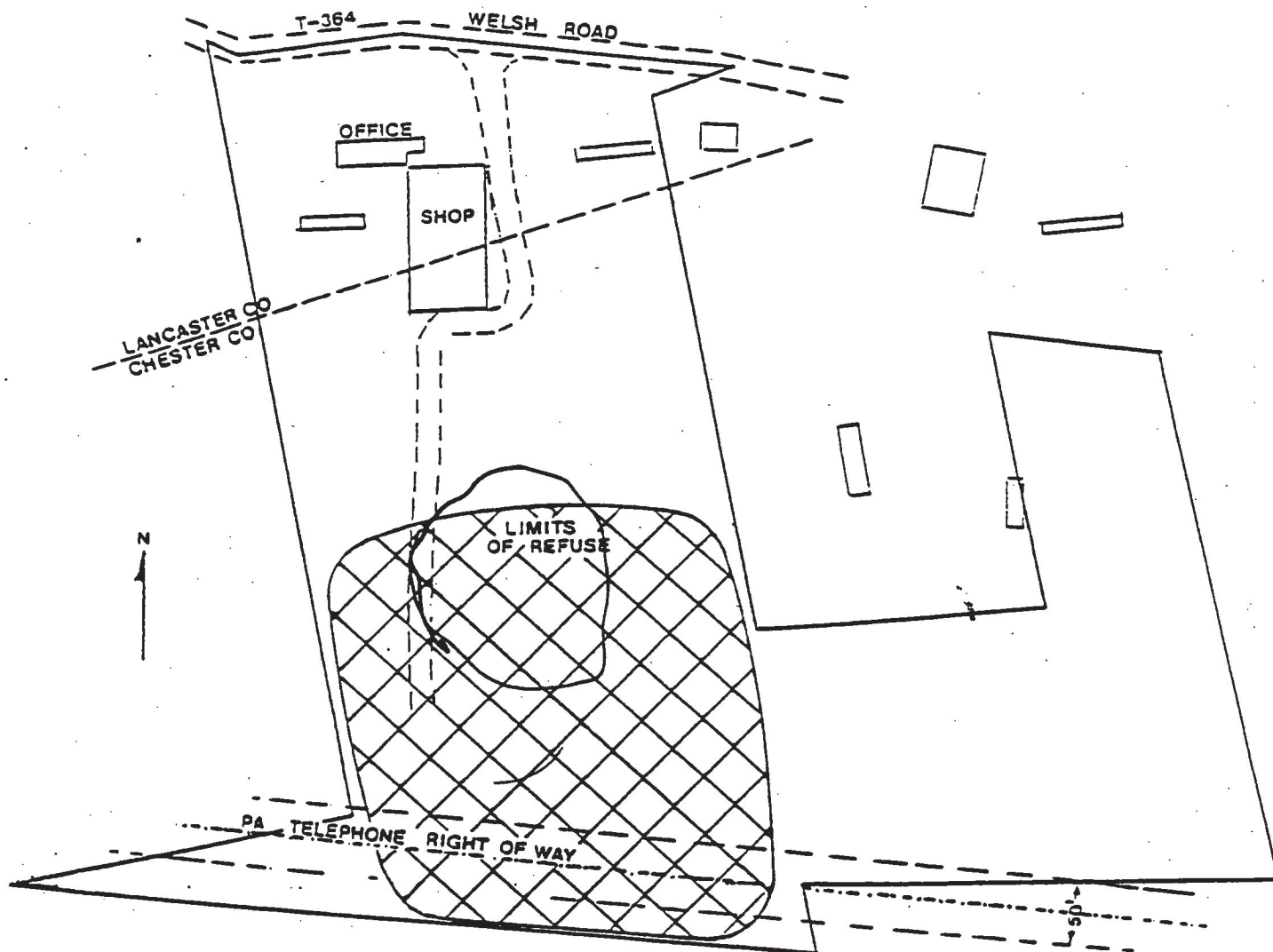


Figure 2. Detailed Site Map - Barkman Landfill,  
Chester/Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania.